

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009
MEADOWEDGE, WEST SAYVILLE, NY**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Miles Borden | Trustee, Town of Smithtown |
| Gil Cardillo | Chairman, Town of Riverhead |
| Ray Corwin | Member at Large |
| Gregory Dawson | Vice Chairman, Town of Islip |
| Scott Hilary | Trustee, Town of Southold |
| Alexander McKay | Trustee, Town of Huntington |
| Bill Shilling | Member of the Board |
| Richard F. White, Jr. | Trustee, Town of East Hampton |

ABSENT

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| Amy Engel | Member of the Board |
| Edward Walters | Trustee, Southampton |

PARKS DEPARTMENT

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| Nick Gibbons | Principal Environmental Analyst |
| Terry Maccarrone | Coordinator of Community Based Programs |
| Karen Nicholson | Superintendent |
| Ann Rothenberg | Assistant to the Commissioner |

GUESTS

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| Lauretta Fischer | Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department |
| Marisa Marletti-Schifano | County Attorney's Office |

Chairman Cardillo called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15th, 2009

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee Corwin. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

PUBLIC PORTION

There was one member of the public present; he did not wish to speak.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Karen Nicholson reported the following on behalf of Commissioner John W. Pavacic.

Pilot Program - Natural Borders Dog Run at Robinson Duck Farm

Superintendent Nicholson asked for a Trustee vote to approve the natural borders dog park pilot program at Robinson Duck Farm.

Nick Gibbons called the Trustees' attention to correspondence he submitted to CEQ on November 16th regarding the establishment of a pilot program for an off leash natural borders dog run at Robinson Duck Farm in Yaphank. Copies were distributed to the Trustees along with three attachments: an

environmental assessment short form, an aerial photograph of the site and some photographs taken a week ago of the subject area. The dog run will be approximately 5 acres in size. Mr. Gibbons gave an overview of the site and the plans for the dog park.

A motion to approve a pilot program to establish an off leash natural borders dog run at Robinson Duck Farm was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee Borden. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

Beach Erosion

Superintendent Nicholson reported beach erosion that occurred last weekend at our area beaches: Smith Point, Montauk, Meschutt, Shinnecock East and Cupsogue. Photos were distributed of Smith Point and Meschutt Beach which suffered the worst damage.

Ms. Nicholson reported a meeting is scheduled tomorrow afternoon at Smith Point with FRES and another meeting on Monday with DPW.

Pilings at Smith Point County Park

Ms. Nicholson reported that the County never applied for a permit from the Town to put in the pilings for the pier at Smith Point. They will be applying now, after the fact.

Naming Rights

Superintendent Nicholson reported Resolution No. 234, a local law to promote corporate sponsorship or sale of naming rights of suitable county facilities, parks or roads, was approved. Copies were distributed to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

Dedication Ceremony

An invitation to attend a dedication ceremony at Robert Moses State Park in memory of Trustee John Fritz was also distributed to the Trustees.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cardillo reported we have a new Trustee for the Town of Brookhaven, Dawn Hopkins.

Chairman Cardillo extended condolences to Legislator Edward Romaine on the loss of his son.

Chairman Cardillo reported that he, along with Commissioner Pavacic, toured a hunting preserve. They met with Mr. Robert Krudop, owner of the Northfork Preserve. It's actually a corporation that owns the property - the Krudop family owns 51% of the corporation and there are other shareholders. They are looking to sell some of land to the county. Mr. Krudop has offered to give the Trustees a tour of the property. Karen Nicholson said it would be our intent to continue deer hunting, pheasant hunting, duck hunting and skeet shooting on the property.

Chairman Cardillo reported that he and Commissioner Pavacic also walked the "YMCA property by Stotzky Park". Laurretta Fischer said there is a proposal for the YMCA to build a facility on the property, but it is presently in the negotiating stage.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN

A motion to nominate Gil Cardillo as Chairman was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

ELECTION OF NEW VICE CHAIRMAN

A motion to nominate Gregory Dawson as Vice Chairman was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee White asked about the status of the GATR site communication poles. Nick Gibbons reported we have met twice with Communications and I.T. We also met with the County's contractual partner, T. Mobile. They are continuing to evaluate the site. We will have to go back to the F.A.A. for another approval because of the proximity of the site to the airport. The Maintenance Facility has moved along significantly.

Trustee Corwin thanked Nick Gibbons and the Commissioner for today's field trip prior to the meeting.

Trustee Corwin reminded the Trustees that he is serving on the RFEI Committee for the marina privatization proposals. The Committee is presently reviewing three (3) proposals. He thanked Colleen Hofmeister for doing a wonderful job organizing this effort.

Trustee McKay reported two tabled Introductory Resolutions will be on the agenda today at the Parks Committee meeting:

1. I.R. 1800 - a local law to regulate privatization of County owned marinas.
2. I.R. 1866 - appropriating funds in connection with establishment of a dog park at Southaven County Park (CP 7065).

Regarding I.R. 1866, Trustee McKay said there was \$50,000 in the capital program which the Commissioner had earmarked for a dog park in Sayville. That was going through the review process at CEQ. In the meantime, Legislator Browning is trying to appropriate that money for her own purposes to put a dog park at Southaven, which we had previously disapproved. The Sayville dog park is not in Legislator Browning's district.

Nick Gibbons reported the Robinson Duck Farm site for a dog park is within Legislator Browning's district.

Trustee White said we offered an ideal piece of property across the street from Southaven, which is in Legislator Browning's district, for a dog park. Legislator Browning does not want that location. She wants it in a location that is already being used.

Nick Gibbons reported there are additional regulatory programs at the state level that govern Southaven County Park. The entire park is within the core preservation area of the Central Pine Barrens. The entire park is under the jurisdiction of the Wild Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program of the N.Y.S.D.E.C. Both of those programs have review of the subject site and, in fact, of the entire park. The parcel we recommended is not within the regulatory boundaries of those programs.

Trustee Hilary wished all a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Trustee Cardillo thanked Trustees Dawson, Trustee McKay, Trustee White and Legislator Vilorio-Fisher for all their work regarding I.R. 1273.

The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at Meadowedge in West Sayville, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0